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Our File No. LOU01-001-US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
M. Keith Sharp)
Serial No. 09/973,477) Examiner Matthew F. DeSanto
Filing Date: October 6, 2001) Group Art Unit No. 3763
For: Hypodermic Needle)

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Office Action of June 16, 2004 for a period of two months.

Please charge the \$215.00 fee to our American Express card. A Credit Card Payment Form is attached. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

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